

Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Exam Checklist

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Vessel Name:		Number:	
BRIDGE & DOCUMENTS			
33 CFR 173 46 CFR 67	Registration/Documents/Markings: Certificate of documentation on board & valid. Name on both sides, forward part of hull, name & hailing port on stern, ≥ 4" letters, contrasting color. Official number permanently marked on main beam.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	
46 CFR 28.165	Injury Placard: Required on all vessels.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	
33 CFR 155.450	Oil Pollution Placard: Required on all vessels ≥ 26'.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	
33 CFR 151.59	MARPOL (Garbage) Placard: Required on all vessels ≥ 26'.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	
33 CFR 151.57	Waste Management Plan: Required on all oceangoing vessels >40'.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	
33 USC 1602 33 USC 2020 72 COLREGS	Navigation Lights: During darkness and/or in or near areas of restricted visibility Side Lights (112.5°), Mast Head Light (225°) & Stern Light (135°). Fishing Lights: In a vertical line, one meter apart. Red over White (360°) all other than trawling; Green over White (360°) when trawling.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	
33 USC 1602 33 USC 2020 72 COLREGS	Dayshapes: Two black cones, apex to apex (not required on trollers).	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	
33 USC 1602 33 USC 2020 72 COLREGS	Sound Producing Devices: Vessels 12m – 20m (39.5' to 65.6'): Whistle audible for ½ mile & 7.9" bell.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	
46 CFR 28.210	First Aid/CPR: Requires first aid & CPR trained & certified persons on board (POB) as follows: > 3 POB, one each; >17 POB, two each; one POB holding both certifications is acceptable. Requires "suitable" first aid kit & first aid manual.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	
46 CFR 28.225	Navigation Publications: Requires corrected marine charts of operating area, U. S. Coast Pilot, Coast Guard Light List, Tide & Tidal Current Tables & a copy of Inland Navigation Rules.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	
46 CFR 28.230	Magnetic Compass/Compass Deviation Table: Requires operable magnetic compass at operating station & a current compass deviation table.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	
46 CFR 28.245 47 CFR 80 33 CFR 26.03 46 CFR 28.375	Communication Equipment: Requires a VHF-FM radiotelephone (156 – 162 MHz) at the operating station, capable of operating three hours off an emergency power supply.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	
47 CFR 80.405	FCC Ship Radio Station License: If operating beyond the Boundary Line, all documented vessels required to carry radio transmitting equipment are required to have on board a current FCC Ship Radio Station License.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	
46 CFR 28.240	General Alarm System: If there is an accommodation or workspace not adjacent to the operating station, requires an audible general alarm system with contact maker at the operating station; flashing red light in workspaces where the audible alarm is hard to hear (engine room), & red-letter warning signs "Attention General Alarm – When Alarm Sounds, Go To Your Station" at each bell or light. Public address system may be used if it meets criteria. Test prior to operating vessel & weekly afterwards.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	
46 CFR 28.250	High Water Alarms: Requires a visible & audible alarm at operating station to indicate high water in normally unmanned or non-watertight spaces (engine room, lazarette, fish hold, etc.).	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	
46 CFR 28.265	Emergency Instructions: Requires written Emergency Instructions. Must be posted if ≥ 4 POB, kept available if < 4 POB.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	
46 CFR 28.270	Instructions, Drills, & Safety Orientation: Requires master or individual-in-charge ensure monthly drills & instructions given to each person on board by a trained drill conductor. There are ten Required Drills & Instructions. Before operating vessel, persons on board who have not had drills & instruction must receive a safety orientation.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	
46 CFR 28.235	Anchors & Radar Reflectors: Requires radar reflector if vessels lacks strong radar signature (usually fiberglass hull vessels). Requires adequate anchor & sufficient line/cable for operating area.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	

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<i>LIFESAVING</i>		
46 CFR 28.145 46 CFR 28.140	Visual Distress Signals: 3 hand-held rocket-propelled parachute red flares plus 6 hand red flares plus 3 floating orange smoke distress signals.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.110 46 CFR 28.135 46 CFR 28.140	Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs): Requires one immersion suit for each person on board. Immersion suit needs PFD light; PFD marked w/name of vessel/wearer & retroreflective tape (31 sq. in.) front & back, properly maintained & stowed readily accessible.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.115 46 CFR 28.135	Ring Life Buoys: One 24" ring life buoy marked w/vessel name/number, four strips of retroreflective tape, 60' of floating line & stowed readily accessible.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.120 46 CFR 28.125 46 CFR 28.130 46 CFR 28.140	Survival Craft: Life float required for warm water operations, may be stowed to float free or kept readily available. Inflatable liferaft w/Coastal Service equipment pack required for cold water operations, may be stowed to float free or kept readily available.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
<i>ENGINE ROOM/MISCELLANEOUS</i>		
46 CFR 28.155 46 CFR 28.160 46 CFR 25.30	Portable Fire Extinguishing Equipment: Three B-I or one B-I & one B-II fire extinguisher on board. Must be USCG, UL or FM approved; mounted in approved bracket; in good condition; must have pressure gauge or inspection record.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 25.35	Flame Arrestor: If using gasoline as fuel only.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 25.40	Ventilation: If using gasoline as fuel only.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
33 CFR 159.7	Marine Sanitation Device: Type I, II or III; required only if there is an installed toilet on board; Type III must be fitted with a positive means (padlock/wire tie) of securing overboard discharge valve when vessel is not > 3 miles from shore.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.215	Guards for Exposed Hazards: Requires suitable hand covers, guards, or railings in way of machinery (gearing, chain or belt drives, rotating shafts, etc.) that may injure personnel. Not to restrict access to fishing gear.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.255	Bilge Pump, Piping & Dewatering Systems: Requires bilge pumps & piping capable of dewatering any watertight space.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
50 CFR 600.730	Safe Boarding Ladder (Vessels with more than 4 feet of freeboard)	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A

To schedule a "no fault, no penalty" voluntary dockside examination, please contact one of these fishing vessel safety professionals:

In Maryland, call:

In Virginia, call:

In southern New Jersey, call:

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the Baltimore, MD Examiner at (410) 576-2634

the Norfolk, VA Examiner at (757) 668-5533

the Philadelphia, PA Examiner at (215) 271-4989

the Atlantic Beach, NC Examiner at (252) 247-4562